

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING 2003 RN OF THE YEAR
AWARD RECIPIENT BRENDA
STARK

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 13, 2003

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Brenda Stark on the occasion of her reception for the Central Valley Coalition of Nursing Organizations' 2003 RN of the Year Award for Outstanding Education. The banquet honoring her and the three other award winners will be held Friday, May 9, at the Radisson Hotel in Downtown Fresno, CA.

Brenda Stark is undoubtedly dedicated to the nursing profession. Early in her nursing career, Brenda discovered a love for teaching. She has taught in a variety of healthcare, academic, and community settings. She is now very active in mentoring and educating vocational nursing students in the largest school district in the area. Brenda is experienced as a nursing manager with extensive managerial skills in community health ambulatory care setting. She works with numerous agencies, churches, and schools in developing and planning health related programs to meet community needs.

Ms. Stark is Vice-President of the Central Valley Black Nurses Association. She is very concerned about the health care needs of all people, and volunteers to provide health care screening for churches in the Fresno area. Her lifelong achievements are reflective in her love for the profession and for the welfare of all people.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Brenda Stark for her excellence in the field of Outstanding Education. I invite my colleagues to join me in wishing Brenda many years of continued success.

HONORING ALAMEDA COUNTY 2003
UNIONIST OF THE YEAR DOROTHY
FORTIER

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 13, 2003

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dorothy Fortier for receiving the 2003 Unionist of the Year award from the Central Labor Council of Alameda County, AFL-CIO. Ms. Fortier will be honored at the Council's Unionist of the Year Dinner on May 15.

Ms. Fortier will be honored for her life-long dedication to the labor movement and her community. She currently serves as President and on the Executive Board of the Central Labor Council.

In addition to her responsibilities on the Central Labor Council, she serves as Secretary-Treasurer of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Minority

Caucus, and on the National Executive Board of the Coalition of Labor Union Women.

Ms. Fortier began her involvement in the labor movement in 1975 as a member of IBEW Local Union 1245. She has served as the union's Assistant Business Manager since 1987.

Ms. Fortier has gone beyond what is required as President of the Central Labor Council to successfully complete numerous labor studies courses. She participates as an instructor and moderator in a wide range of union programs on the local, State, national and international levels.

Ms. Fortier has also been active in raising a new generation of labor activists at home. Her three children, Rhonda R. Fortier-Bourne, Alfred W. Fortier II and Richelle B. Fortier-Phillips are union activists in OPEIU, IBEW and CWA respectively.

I am honored to commend Dorothy Fortier for her commitment to improving the labor movement and her community.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF CAP-
TAIN ARMANDO ARIEL GON-
ZALEZ

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 13, 2003

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a saddened heart for the untimely death of a South Florida resident who paid the ultimate sacrifice in the name of freedom. Captain Armando Ariel Gonzalez was killed on April 14, 2003 in a non-hostile accident when a commercial refueler collapsed at a supply area in Southern Iraq. I wish to express my deepest condolences to Captain Gonzalez' wife, and the entire Gonzalez family. Equally, I offer all my support and prayers.

I believe that a person's life is not measured by the time spent on this earth, but by what is accomplished while here. With this in mind, Captain Gonzalez will always be considered a hero. The ultimate passing of any true hero is a tragedy.

This tragedy only crystallizes the great risk and danger these brave men and women experience in the name of the people of the United States. All of America mourns the loss of our military men and women, though we cannot feel the depth of the families' pain. We must never forget that the peace and prosperity that we enjoy today are founded on the ultimate sacrifices made by those who have lost their lives in war throughout our Nation's history. They have earned our gratitude and respect.

Mr. Speaker, because of the very high regard in which I hold all members of the United States armed services, it is especially disturbing to me when one of these fine young men or women is killed. By any measure, their contributions, in terms of human sacrifice, are immense. As a nation we share the sense of

loss that the Gonzalez family is experiencing. Though sorrow runs deep, our pride for Captain Gonzalez shines brightly.

HONORING 2003 RN OF THE YEAR
AWARD RECIPIENT AMY R. TOBIN

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 13, 2003

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Amy R. Tobin on the occasion of her reception for the Central Valley Coalition of Nursing Organizations' 2003 RN of the Year Award for Outstanding Administration. The banquet honoring her and the three other award winners was held Friday, May 9, at the Radisson Hotel in Downtown Fresno, CA.

Amy Tobin has been a strong leader in the health care community. She has developed a Nursing Ethics Forum to educate and provide a means for nurses to discuss ethical issues at the unit level. She became a resource for clinical responses and a consultant for guiding discussions on ethical issues for both nursing and medical staff. Amy also served as the nursing liaison to the medical staff ethics committee.

Amy has shown her care for humanity in several ways. First, through the development and holding of quarterly classes for the public in the Wellness Center at Community Hospital, she taught on such topics as hypertension, cholesterol control and osteoporosis. Secondly, she taught Nursing Management curriculum through California State University, Fresno's Extended Education program and has instructed professional courses in the clinical, regulatory and organizational development areas. Ms. Tobin has established the first official voting status for a nurse on a medical staff committee and accomplished this in an academic environment by lobbying for collegiality and teamwork. Amy strives to improve the conditions and standards of the medical profession and takes every chance she can to teach others about health awareness.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Amy R. Tobin for her excellence in the field of Outstanding Administration. I invite my colleagues in wishing her many years of continued success.

HONORING ALAMEDA COUNTY
UNION LEADER JIM PROLA

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 13, 2003

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Jim Prola for receiving the COPE Award from the Central Labor Council of Alameda

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County, AFL-CIO. Mr. Prola will be honored at the Council's Unionist of the Year Dinner on May 15.

Mr. Prola, a member of the Central Labor Council's Executive Board, will receive the award to honor his dedication to the labor movement and to his community. Before being elected to the Executive Board, Mr. Prola served as a delegate for over 20 years to the Labor Council representing the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) Local Union 2019.

He began his labor career as a member of AFSCME Local Union 444, where he started the Health and Safety Committee and served as the local union's Vice-President. As a member of AFSCME Local 2019, Mr. Prola worked with his local union to build a Labor and Environmental Coalition which now involves the majority of the East Bay Municipal Utilities District Board of Directors.

In addition to his work with the Central Labor Council, Mr. Prola currently serves as Political Action Chair for AFSCME District Council 57, Region 3 of the San Francisco Bay Area, and as representative to the AFSCME Statewide Steering Committee.

Mr. Prola has been instrumental in engaging AFSCME participation in the political process and in helping labor to build political power to win social and economic justice. He has contributed to the COPE Program of the Central Labor Council of Alameda County AFL-CIO through his consistent participation and volunteer work to further labor's political programs.

In addition to his outstanding efforts in the labor movement, Mr. Prola serves his community as a volunteer coach for youth basketball in Oakland schools, as a volunteer coach for youth soccer in San Leandro, and as a volunteer coach for the Babe Ruth Baseball League.

I am honored to commend Jim Prola for his commitment to community service and his diligent work to further political involvement by unions.

HONORING THE COURAGE OF ARMY STAFF SERGEANT TARIK JACKSON

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 13, 2003

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, Army Staff Sergeant, Tarik Jackson, a graduate of Miami Springs High School, is a pride to the Florida Community. During an ambush on March 23 near Nasiriyah, Southern Iraq, he was shot while trying to get several injured soldiers out of the way of enemy fire. Motivated by his indescribable bravery, Sergeant Jackson walked for a mile after he had been shot in the arm, hip and thigh, and encouraged others to keep going.

The Purple Heart Staff Sergeant Jackson was awarded correctly recognizes his exemplary character and great courage.

I am glad to hear that the doctors expect Army Staff Sergeant Tarik Jackson to fully recover, although I understand that he will need months of rehabilitation.

Mr. Speaker, Sergeant Jackson's injury only crystallizes the great risk and danger these brave men and women experience in the

name of the people of the United States. We never forget that the peace and prosperity that we enjoy are founded on the sacrifices made by those who have been maimed or killed in war throughout our nation's history. They have earned our gratitude and respect.

HONORING 2003 RN OF THE YEAR AWARD RECIPIENT IRENE HEETEBRY

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 13, 2003

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Irene Heetebry on the occasion of her reception for the Central Valley Coalition of Nursing Organizations' 2003 RN of the Year Award for Advanced Practice. The banquet honoring her and the three other award winners will be held Friday, May 9 at the Radisson Hotel in Downtown Fresno, California.

Irene Heetebry is a skilled, experienced nurse practitioner who provides exemplary care. She encourages open communication with her patients and cares about what is going on in their lives. Irene is a genuinely thoughtful person who is not only doing her job to help others, but also to make an impact on their lives.

Ms. Heetebry displays a positive approach that allows patients to make the best decisions in choosing the type of life they want to lead. Irene facilitates preventative health maintenance, life style change, diabetic care, cholesterol, asthma, hypertension, and weight management services for her patients. She has taught classes on diabetes diagnosis and prevention, utilizing the knowledge she gained from her correlation study on self-care and the diabetic patient.

Irene encourages people to pursue their nursing careers and frequently receives accolades from those whom she has helped support over the years. She excels in all attributes which are needed to be a successful nurse.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Irene Heetebry for her excellence in the field of Advanced Practice. I invite my colleagues to join me in wishing Irene many years of continued success.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TOM COLE

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 13, 2003

Mr. COLE. Mr. Speaker, on May 9, 2003 for rollcall vote Nos. 177 through 182, I was in Oklahoma due to the devastating tornado that struck my District. If I had been present, on rollcall vote No. 177, I would have voted "yea." On rollcall vote No. 178, I would have voted "yea." On rollcall vote No. 179, I would have voted "yea." On rollcall vote No. 180, I would have voted "yea." On rollcall vote No. 181, I would have voted "no." And on rollcall vote No. 182, I would have voted "yea."

IN MEMORY OF LANCE CORPORAL JOSEPH BASIL MAGLIONE III

HON. CURT WELDON

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 13, 2003

Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with great sadness and tremendous gratitude to honor the life of a brave young man, Lance Cpl. Joseph Basil Maglione III, who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country. Lance Cpl. Maglione was just 22 years old. He died Tuesday, April 1, 2003, in Camp Coyote, Kuwait. Joe was serving with the Bridge Company Bravo, 6th Engineering Support Battalion, 4th FSSG (Force Service Support Group) of Folsom, Pennsylvania.

Joseph was a Marine Corps Reservist and a full time Architectural Engineering student at Drexel University. He was about to start his senior year. Joe attended boot camp at Parris Island, S.C. in June 2000. He served in Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, Fort Lee, Virginia, Folsom, Pennsylvania, and Camp Coyote, Kuwait.

Born in Abington, Pennsylvania, he was the son of Joseph B. Maglione II of York, Pennsylvania and Rosemary Corr of Audubon, Pennsylvania. He was the grandson of Mary and Jim Corr of Lansdale and the late Joe and Anne Maglione.

Joe was a 1999 graduate of North Penn Senior High School in Lansdale. He attended Council Rock High School in Holland from 1997 until 1998. He also attended Holland Junior High School from 1994 until 1996. In Lansdale, Joe attended Pennbrook Middle School and Gwyn Nor Elementary School from 1987 until 1993.

Joe began his studies at Drexel University in 1999 in the Mechanical Engineering area. He changed his major to architectural Engineering last year.

Joe worked for Northampton Township Water Authority and AV Weber in North Wales as credit for his Drexel Co-op Program. Joe loved sports. In North Penn he was on the rugby team and track team. In Council Rock he played football, was on the track team, ran the hurdles and was on the wrestling team. Joe was also a student of Tae Kwon Do in Bong Pil Yang's Martial Arts School in Lansdale from 1987 until 1993. Joe attended art classes offered by Michener Art Museum in Doylestown. He was a talented artist.

Mr. Speaker, Lance Cpl. Joseph Maglione III exemplified the spirit of service that has made this country great. It is proper to remember and honor a man of such worth and character with great respect for what he stood for. Our pride in Joe shall certainly live on—his life, his courage, his sacrifice and strength of character. The example of his citizenship and dedication to duty will be his enduring legacy. Mr. Speaker, at this time I ask you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in honoring the memory, life and service of Lance Cpl. Joseph Maglione III, and in sending our heartfelt condolences to his family, his friends and community.

HONORING 2003 RN OF THE YEAR
AWARD RECIPIENT DAVID D.
CROSS

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 13, 2003

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize David D. Cross on the occasion of his reception for the Central Valley Coalition of Nursing Organizations' 2003 RN of the Year Award for Clinical Practice. The banquet honoring him and the other three award winners was held Friday, May 9 at the Radisson Hotel in Downtown Fresno, CA.

David Cross is an accomplished pediatric transport RN at Children's Hospital Central California. He consistently provides the highest quality care to all of his patients. Mr. Cross is a genuine humanitarian. He cares for ailing children, ranging from the most complex congenital heart problems, to life threatening traumatic injuries. David truly cares for every patient he tends to and does so with courage and poise that only a leader in the field of nursing could possess.

David takes on tasks and duties that occupy most of his time. He provides instruction to nurses from all over the San Joaquin Valley. Additionally, he teaches many classes at Children's Hospital Central California including the Cardiac Core Program and Hospital Orientation. David also pays for books, tuition, and fees for prospective nursing students out of his own pocket.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize David D. Cross for his excellence in the field of Clinical Practice. I invite my colleagues to join me in wishing David many years of continued success.

CONGRATULATING TAIWAN PRESIDENT FOR HIS THIRD YEAR OF SERVICE AND TAIWAN'S MANY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 13, 2003

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, Chen Shui-bian, President of Taiwan, is nearing the end of his third year of service as its leader. I wish to take this opportunity to congratulate him, and to note several of Taiwan's accomplishments.

Taiwan, our eighth largest trading partner, has maintained friendly ties with the United States for more than half a century. We appreciate Taiwan's support for the war against terrorism, and its pledge of humanitarian assistance to post-war Iraq, a generous measure of support for its reconstruction.

Over the past several decades, Taiwan has become a successful model of rapid political reform and a true democracy. The people of Taiwan enjoy one of the highest levels standards of living in Asia, including universal education and medical care for people of all ages.

We look forward to Taiwan strengthening its bilateral relations with the United States, and wish it good luck as Taiwan seeks to join the World Health Organization and the Inter-

national Civil Aviation Organization. Taiwan's participation in worldwide organizations and activities would be a positive step worthy of commendation.

ASIAN AND PACIFIC AMERICAN
HERITAGE MONTH

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 13, 2003

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join many of my colleagues in observing this month as Asian and Pacific American Heritage Month.

I was proud to celebrate Asian and Pacific American Heritage Month by joining members of the Asian community in my Congressional district at their annual banquet on May 10, 2003. Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders are part of our long-standing tradition, enriching, strengthening and enhancing the fabric of our community through many talents, skills, and hard work. This month provides an opportunity for us to recognize and celebrate the daily contributions of Asian and Pacific Americans that make our community, our state, and our Nation a better place to live in.

Asian and Pacific Americans have made great contributions to our Nation in all sectors, including the arts, academia, business, economy, sciences, law and government. Often Asian and Pacific Americans have achieved successes in the face of extreme hardships such as language and cultural barriers, stereotypes, discrimination and prejudice. To honor the Asian and Pacific American's sacrifices, achievements and contributions to our society, the United States Congress passed Public Law 102-450 that designates the month of May as Asian and Pacific American Heritage Month.

I am proud to submit this statement for the RECORD observing this month as Asian and Pacific Heritage Month.

CONGRATULATING MAJOR GENERAL FRED FORSTER UPON HIS RETIREMENT AS ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL OF THE TENNESSEE AIR NATIONAL GUARD

HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 13, 2003

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate one of East Tennessee's finest citizens on his recent retirement as Assistant Adjutant General for the Tennessee Air National Guard. Major General Fred Forster has served his community, State and Nation in a manner that can only be described as remarkable. I know each Member of this Body joins me today in thanking him for a job well done and wishing him the absolute best in all his future endeavors.

I have said many times that the men and women who wear the uniform of this great Country's military are following one of America's highest callings. Each person who serves

this Nation is to be commended and thanked. There are those however who stand out even amongst this crowded field of heroes.

General Fred Forster is such a man. He has himself described a leader as someone willing to act and act consistently. I have had the privilege of knowing Fred Forster for many years and can say that he is such a man. His ability to lead large numbers of military personnel is matched only by his genuine concern for the individual. General Forster offers those around him a unique glimpse into what it truly means to be a leader of men.

General Forster has been awarded numerous medals and decorations for his military service including the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star Medal and the Meritorious Service Medal to name only three. I do not believe, however, that if he were here with us today he would say these are the best measures of his service. I believe that General Forster would say that his career should be measured by the simple fact that he gave his very best to his Country and to those under his command.

Fred Forster joined the United States Air Force in 1968 after graduating from the University of the South at Sewanee with a degree in English. He began his military career during one of our Nation's most turbulent military conflicts. Following completion of his own pilot training, Fred served as an instructor pilot. He later served as an Air Operations Plans Officer in Thailand. In each responsibility he was given he quickly proved his leadership abilities and profound dedication to our Country's military men and women.

Following the Vietnam War and completion of his Masters degree General Forster joined the Tennessee Air National Guard in 1976. He again demonstrated natural leadership and commitment to those under his command. In 1987 he was assigned command of the 134th Air Refueling Group at the McGhee-Tyson Airbase in Blount County, Tennessee.

For the next ten years, then-Colonel Forster led the 134th as it grew to its current designation as an Air Refueling Wing. The men and women of the 134th were called to active duty during the Persian Gulf War and flew under Colonel Forster's command as part of the 1713th Air Refueling Wing. During the conflict the 1713th played a critical role in supporting the countless combat missions that led to the liberation of Kuwait.

On July 15, 2002, Forster was promoted to Assistant Adjutant General for the Tennessee Air National Guard and in this capacity served as the second highest ranking officer in the State's Air Guard. In addition to his recent work with the Tennessee Air National Guard, General Forster continues to serve as the President and CEO of the Blount County Chamber of Commerce where he has offered his service and leadership to the betterment of the community around him. Although he has now retired as Assistant Adjutant General, I am confident he will continue to offer himself to the service of Blount County and the State of Tennessee.

Through both his professional and personal example, General Forster has set a standard of excellence few will fully reach but each of us would be better for trying. I want to personally thank General Forster for his service and congratulate him on his recent retirement. I also want to thank him for his friendship.

HONORING IRVING B. HARRIS FOR
HIS INVALUABLE CONTRIBU-
TIONS IN PUBLIC SERVICE

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 13, 2003

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to rise today to join the Center for Human Potential and Public Policy and the many who have gathered at the University of Chicago to honor and celebrate the contributions of an outstanding American—a man who is my dear friend, Irving B. Harris. Today's Festschrift is a fitting tribute to a man who has spent a lifetime in the service of others.

As I look over the course of Irving's life, I am struck by his countless acts of generosity and compassion. As an advocate, a philanthropist, and a leading voice for children, his achievements have left an indelible mark on our society. Irving Harris recognized early on that the key to our children's success lay in their most formative years, birth to three. He inspired, developed and supported scores of programs and organizations dedicated to improving the lives of disadvantaged youngsters across the nation. He founded the Erikson Institute, a child development graduate school, and the Ounce of Prevention Fund, a public/private partnership that created and promoted community-based initiatives to improve early childhood development. He was a leader in development of Zero to Three: The National Center for Infants, Toddlers, and Families whose work to support families and promote the healthy development of babies and toddlers had a tremendous impact in communities across the nation. His work brought him national recognition as a leading voice for the betterment of children across the country.

Irving Harris is one of those rare individuals with roots in the world of business and finance who has used his hard-won wealth and influence to help others less fortunate. And his work and diligence and dedication is not only remarkable but unceasing. It is a reflection of all that we strive to be. His sincerity is marked by the principles he instilled in his own family—in his children and grandchildren, who today carry on his work on behalf of the other children of America.

Through education, public policy development, grant-making and advocacy, Irving Harris' vision and leadership has earned him recognition and many honors and awards over the years. He has served many organizations including the National Commission on Children and the Carnegie Corporation's New York Task Force on Meeting the Needs of Young Children.

It has been an enormous privilege for me to work with Irving over the years, and I look forward to continuing our collaboration. Irving knows that our young people represent the future and we as a community and nation must give them the tools to succeed. He recognized this simple fact many years ago, and dedicated his life to fulfilling that important goal.

Irving Harris continues his work today, as I hope he will for many more years to come. Thank you, Irving for the difference you have made in this country, and the millions of lives you have made better through your vision, your passion, and your generous spirit of mind. You are an inspiration to all of us.

CONGRATULATIONS TO SAINT
JOHNSBURY ACADEMY FROM ST.
JOHNSBURY, VERMONT

HON. BERNARD SANDERS

OF VERMONT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 13, 2003

Mr. SANDERS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate the outstanding performance of Saint Johnsbury Academy from St. Johnsbury, VT in the We the People . . . The Citizen and the Constitution national finals held in Washington, DC, April 26–28, 2003. These outstanding young people competed against 48 other classes from throughout the Nation and demonstrated a remarkable understanding of the fundamental ideals and values of American constitutional government.

Administered by the Center for Civic Education, the program is the most extensive of its kind, reaching more than 26 million students at elementary, middle, and high schools. The national finals competition simulates a congressional hearing whereby high school students testify as constitutional experts before a panel of judges, and the students from Saint Johnsbury Academy performed brilliantly.

I would like to recognize Mr. Henry Eaton, the moderator for this outstanding group from St. Johnsbury Academy, and the students themselves: Ingrid Bengtson, Merril Bent, Alex Camelio, Brent Clayton, Simon Darling, Dave Goreau, John Limberakis, Ross Marklein, Caroline Milne, Monica Montany, Eric Rowe, Susannah Roy, Kelsey Stavseth, Alex Tausanovitch, and Ashley Ward.

STUDENTS FROM CATHERINE
MCAULEY HIGH SCHOOL IN
PORTLAND, MAINE WIN CIVIC
EDUCATION AWARD

HON. THOMAS H. ALLEN

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 13, 2003

Mr. ALLEN. Mr. Speaker, last month, students from around the country competed in the national finals of the U.S. Department of Education program, "We the People . . . The Citizen and the Constitution." Administered by the Center for Civic Education, the program reaches more than 26 million elementary, middle and high school students. The national finals simulate a congressional hearing in which students testify as constitutional experts before a panel of judges.

I am pleased that the following students from Catherine McAuley High School in Portland, Maine, under the supervision of their teacher, Joseph Wagner, and State Coordinator, Julia Underwood, won a award in the finals for their expertise on "Foundations of Democracy": Michelle Baldwin, Amanda Clements, Jessica Croteau, Katie D'Alessandro, Adrienne D'Ascanio, Kara Ebrahim, Katie Foster, Sara Marion, Brigid McGovern, Gulia Muca, Erika Poulin, Jackie Roy, Kate Sawyer, Laura Shortill, Becca Wagner, and Beth Witting.

Competing against 48 classes, these students demonstrated a remarkable understanding of the fundamental ideals and values

of American constitutional government. I commend these students and hope that they will continue their interest in and commitment to these principles, which have never been more important.

HONORING SOUTH SUBURBAN
MAYORS AND MANAGERS ASSO-
CIATION

HON. JERRY WELLER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 13, 2003

Mr. WELLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association. The South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association (SSMMA) was incorporated in 1978 and is celebrating its 25th Anniversary during the year 2003.

SSMMA currently represents 43 municipalities and 650,000 residents in southern Cook and Will counties. Mayors, Village Presidents, and Village Managers take an active role within SSMMA and work in a cooperative effort to serve the southland communities and its residents. The leadership exhibited by SSMMA through its member municipalities has greatly benefited the Chicago Southland.

SSMMA has been critical in its support to the region in areas such as transportation, economic development, open space preservation, and stormwater issues. They have also offered finance and municipal administrative support and training. SSMMA helped start the recycling efforts throughout the Chicago Southland. They also support the region with housing and diversity issues, public safety, education funding and property tax reform.

On May 16, 2003 the South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association will formally recognize its past and current leaders and the achievements of the organization at a dinner to be held at the Villa de Bruno in Lynwood, Illinois. I offer my congratulations to the South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association for its 25 years of service to the Southland region. I commend the mayors, village presidents, city and village managers who have served the region so well.

Mr. Speaker, I urge this body to identify and recognize other associations in their own districts whose actions have so greatly benefited and strengthened America's families and communities.

HONORING THE JO ANN DAVIDSON
OHIO LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 13, 2003

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, on the occasion of their trip to Washington, we rise to recognize the new members of the Jo Ann Davidson Ohio Leadership Institute.

The Jo Ann Davidson Ohio Leadership Institute is a nine-month program dedicated to providing Ohio women business and civic leaders with the training and encouragement necessary to assume appointed or electorate roles in government and the Republican Party. Under the leadership of Betty D. Montgomery

and Jo Ann Davidson, the Institute is focused on fulfilling three critical goals: introduce students to the tools they need to succeed as leaders, teach students to adapt their leadership skills to government and politics, and inspire students to define their own political aspirations.

On behalf of the entire House community, we extend congratulations to Class Members Nancy Nix, Concepcion Reyna, Laverne Jones Gore, Judy Sonner, Lorri Bates, Michelle Griffiths, Marsha Hall, Suzanne McLeod, Lora Miller, Holly Pendell, Chris Pirik, Julia Stautberg, Shannon Donnelly, Jennifer Chesrown, Billie Fiore, Angie King and Stephanie Elliott Hess for their successful matriculation. As new Members of the Institute they are in a unique position to serve as resources for each other and mentors to a new generation of Republican women. We wish them the best of luck in their endeavors and their continued public service.

HONORING JUDGE JOHN CONOVER

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 13, 2003

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today on behalf of the Baden Powell District of the Tall Pine Council, Boy Scouts of America. On May 13, friends and family will join the Davison, Michigan Area Good Scout Committee to honor 67th District Court Judge John L. Conover, the 2003 recipient of the Davison Good Scout Award.

John Conover was born in Danville, Illinois, and later moved to Davison with his wife Karen, where they have been upstanding members of the area for over 30 years. As 67th District Court Judge for more than ten years, Judge Conover has presided over many felony matters, criminal and traffic cases, and civil and small claims issues. His courts have resulted in hundreds of thousands of dollars in delinquent fines and costs collected, and his courtroom has been a favorite field trip and first-hand civics lesson for many teachers and students.

Judge Conover's success on the bench is matched and complemented by his unparalleled commitment to community service. An active supporter of the DARE program, John is frequently called on to address elementary and middle school DARE graduations throughout the county, and sponsors the DARE homecoming float in area parades. He also speaks to many students on the dangers and consequences of alcohol and drug abuse. In addition, he has founded and directs a program for youth offenders needing guidance in correcting their behavior. His dedication to helping the next generation goes so far that he will often place young people on probation to himself so he may personally mentor them and steer them on the right track.

John has sponsored and sometimes coaches area sports teams, from T-ball to bowling leagues. He not only teaches the fundamentals of the sport, he stresses sportsmanship, and provides lessons his teams are able to use in their everyday life. Each day he serves as a positive role model and shining example of the best our society has to offer.

Mr. Speaker, Judge John Conover is being recognized for his dedication, unselfishness,

and commitment to the Davison community, and for truly exemplifying the traditions of scouting. He is a symbol of excellence not only to Scouts, but to everyone he comes into contact with, and I am honored to call him my colleague and my friend. I ask my colleagues in the 108th Congress to please join me in congratulating Judge John L. Conover.

TRIBUTE TO JACK CONNORS, JR.

HON. MARTIN T. MEEHAN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 13, 2003

Mr. MEEHAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Jack Connors, Jr., founding partner, Chairman and CEO, and all of the employees at Hill, Holliday, Connors, Cosmopolos, Inc. on 35 years of excellence in the advertising and communications business.

Thirty-five years ago today, May 13, 1968, Jack Connors and his three partners, Jay Hill, Alan Holliday and Steve Cosmopolos, officially opened Hill, Holliday, Connors, Cosmopolos, Inc. for business. With 1,500 square feet of office space on the top floor of 143 Newbury Street in Boston's Back Bay, the business had no clients and no billings, and in the early going, the four partners used an outside pay phone to make calls to prospects.

Today, Hill Holliday is a nationally recognized advertising agency that produces internationally-acclaimed creative work, and is widely recognized as one of Boston's most successful businesses. Hill Holliday's list of clients includes some of the biggest and most well-known brands in the world including Anheuser-Busch, John Hancock Financial Services, FleetBoston Financial, Dunkin' Donuts, CVS Pharmacy, PricewaterhouseCoopers, Verizon Wireless, and The Boston Globe.

While leading Hill Holliday from a one-room shop to a national force is impressive, Jack's commitment to serving his community is what makes him and Hill Holliday extraordinary. Jack has used the talent and resources of Hill Holliday to make a difference in the Greater Boston community through pro bono work for dozens of non-profit and charitable organizations. Under Jack's direction, Hill Holliday donated more than \$1 million in cash and \$4.5 million in in-kind services to various community-based organizations last year.

Over the past 2 years, our nation has become far too familiar with the unethical and corrupt dealings of some in the business world. Today, I rise to congratulate Jack Connors and Hill Holliday on 35 years of success and for setting a positive example that future generations of American businessmen and women should follow.

HONORING GREGORY CAMPBELL

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 13, 2003

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I stand before you today to recognize the accomplishments of a man who has made it his life's work to protect and defend human dignity, and to ensure the safety of our streets for our citizens

and our children. On May 16, friends and family will join the Police Memorial Association-Michigan to honor the career of Trooper Gregory Campbell, who is retiring after 25 years in law enforcement.

Gregory Campbell was born March 27, 1954 in Philadelphia. He later moved to Michigan, where he graduated in 1975 from the University of Detroit. Three years later, he graduated from the Academy as a member of the 93rd Recruit School, and began his career with the Michigan State Police. Originally assigned to the Post in my hometown of Flint, MI, he remained there for three years. He later worked in Detroit and Bridgeport, and returned to Flint in 1992, where he remained. During that time, Trooper Campbell served as a Post Representative in Detroit and Flint, and in 1999 served as 3rd District Representative, a position he held until his retirement.

Through the years, Trooper Campbell has constantly put his own safety at risk in order to keep others from harm, however he has always found time to be a devoted husband and father of two sons, and a faithful community volunteer. He has been recognized many times for his civic work, such as being named the 1993 City of Flint's Man of the Year, Flint Kiwanis Exchange Club Officer of the Year in 1994, and most recently, the Police Memorial Association's Community Service Award in 2002 and their Princess Program Award for Community Service with the Youth this year.

Mr. Speaker, many people in the Flint area, myself included, have benefited greatly from Gregory Campbell's experience and dedication. He has truly made Genesee County a safer place in which to live. I ask my colleagues in the 108th Congress to join me in congratulating him for his unwavering commitment to justice, and wishing him the best in his retirement.

A TRIBUTE TO HENRY "HANK" CARTER

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 13, 2003

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Henry "Hank" Carter in recognition of his dedication to improving the care for the disabled population and ensuring their access to wide ranging opportunities in his communities.

In 1972, Hank Carter founded Wheelchair Charities, Inc. Hank's lifelong commitment to improving the lives of disabled people began when his best friend, Tjader, became disabled from a bullet that shattered Tjader's spinal cord. Hank's friend was sent to Goldwater Memorial Hospital to recuperate through a rehabilitation program where Hank often visited him and in the process, made new friends. Through his daily visits to the hospital, Hank came to realize that his friends, although physically challenged, still longed for their American Dream. These young patients, many in their teens and early twenties, wanted to participate in the same type of daily activities in which able bodied people engaged. Hank knew this would be impossible without financial support.

Creating a financial support system to enhance the quality of life for his new friends quickly became his passion. As a young leader in Queens Bridge Houses, Hank organized

playground sports; musical shows and block activities. His crowning achievement has been an annual neighborhood fundraising basketball tournament to help support activities for inpatients and outpatients of Goldwater Memorial. Today, the Wheelchair Basketball Clinic is a citywide competition with a boys and girls division.

These neighborhood tournaments provided the foundation for Wheelchair Charities, Inc. Over the years, this non-profit, all volunteer organization has raised over \$7 million for people with disabilities. Some of the items that the funds have paid for include 184 motorized wheelchairs; 20 manual wheel chairs for the wheelchair basketball teams; three buses to transport wheelchair bound patients; a computer laboratory; and an equipment room.

Mr. Speaker, Hank Carter is committed to improving the lives of the disabled population in his community. As such, he is more than worthy of receiving our recognition today and I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring this truly remarkable person.

HONORING LINDEN CITIZENS OF THE YEAR

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 13, 2003

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, thank you for allowing me to rise before you today on behalf of the citizens of Linden, MI. On May 19, friends and family will join community and business leaders to honor Ms. Jean Sarginson-DeMayer and Ms. Judy Pieczynski as the 2003 Linden Citizens of the Year.

Jean Sarginson-DeMayer was appointed to the Linden City Council in December 1996, after she moved to Linden from my hometown of Flint, where she worked for 25 years as a supervisor for the City of Flint. She was subsequently reelected to two more terms, where she also served as the city's representative on the Grace Loose Senior Citizen Center executive board.

Judy Pieczynski has been a resident of Linden since 1983. A local business owner for 26 years, Judy served on the Linden Charter Commission and was elected one of Linden's first Councilors when it became a city in 1988. She has served on the Council ever since, and is a member of such groups as Zonta, and the Linden-Argentine Chamber of Commerce.

As members of the Linden City Council, both Jean and Judy have worked tirelessly and selflessly to promote, protect, enhance, and defend the quality of life for their constituents, which include their wonderful families. Their civic loyalty and dedication to improving their community serves as a shining example of the best our society has to offer.

Mr. Speaker, after decades of public service, both Jean Sarginson-DeMayer and Judy Pieczynski have decided to not seek reelection to the Linden City Council, following the end of their respective terms. For many years, the residents of Linden have benefited from their insight and wisdom, and they are truly deserving of being named Citizens of the Year. I ask my colleagues in the 108th Congress to please join me in congratulating Jean Sarginson-DeMayer and Judy Pieczynski.

A TRIBUTE TO ERNESTA G. PROCOPE

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 13, 2003

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Ernesta Bowman in recognition of the 50th anniversary of the company she founded and for her commitment to providing financial services to underserved communities.

Ernesta G. Procope, formerly Ernesta Bowman founded E.G. Bowman Co. Inc., a commercial insurance brokerage firm, in the early 1950s soon after the death of her first husband. The company began as a homeowners and auto insurance agency in front of a storefront in Bedford-Stuyvesant, Brooklyn. It is now grown to be a large commercial lines brokerage on Wall Street and the largest minority-owned and woman-owned insurance brokerage firm in the U.S., celebrating its 50th Anniversary. Procope is still the CEO and president of the agency.

In addition to servicing churches, colleges and social agencies, the firm's clients have included several of the Fortune 500 companies such as Tiffany & Co., Avon Products, American Express, IBM, Philip Morris, PepsiCo Inc. and General Motors. Among Bowman and its president's notable achievements include fighting to implement the New York State Property Fair Plan, which created an insurance pool to cover properties in previously redlined areas, and winning a bid solicited by the U.S. Information Agency to write insurance worldwide for Fulbright Scholars. The firm also became the insurance broker of record for the U.S. portion of the Alaskan Pipeline.

Procope was named Woman of the Year by former First Lady Patricia Nixon in 1972 and was also appointed Special Ambassador to The Gambia by President Ford. Often referred to as the First Lady of Wall Street, Procope has been recognized by Business Insurance magazine as one of the 100 leading women in the insurance industry and by Crain's as one of the 100 Leading Women in business. Procope holds honorary doctor of law degrees from Howard University, Adelphi, Marymount Manhattan College and a doctor of humane letters from Morgan State University.

Mr. Speaker, Ernesta G. Procope has served an exemplary role model for women and minorities in the business world and has worked to ensure that all communities are treated fairly by insurance firms. As such, she is more than worthy of receiving our recognition today and I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring this truly remarkable woman.

HONORING FLINT NORTHERN HIGH SCHOOL

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 13, 2003

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I am happy to rise before you today on behalf of the students, faculty, and alumni of Northern High School in my hometown of Flint, Michigan. This week Flint Northern will celebrate its 75th anniversary.

On January 30, 1928, Flint Northern High School was established as the city's second high school, located on McClellan Street on the city's north side. In the early years, many of the school's population came from immigrant children, whose families had come to the New World to find work in the city's booming auto industry. In the fall of 1971, the school was replaced by a new building on Mackin Road, where it stands to this day, providing opportunities for students of all races and walks of life to obtain the knowledge and skills needed to survive and succeed, and to become positive, contributing members of society.

For the past 75 years, Northern High has maintained a tradition of academic and athletic excellence, as well as alumni loyalty. The Northern Vikings have won 38 state Championships, bringing athletic honors back to their city and their school. It is estimated that Viking athletes have competed in more Class A Regional and District State and City tournaments in men's and women's sports than any other school in the State of Michigan. Vikings have also excelled in other competitive areas such as Speech, Debate, Music, and Choir, to name a few.

In 1987, a group of Northern graduates, seeking to preserve the accomplishments of past and present alumni, and to further instill school pride, created the Distinguished Alumni Program of Flint Northern. This program, the first known of its kind around the nation, raises scholarship funds and honors those graduates who have gone on to excel in professions such as Medicine, Law, Education, and Military Service, among many others. The school's Viking Room is decorated with photos of 82 such alumni from throughout the country. As of this date, the Alumni Club Endowment Fund has provided 503 scholarships, totaling more than \$300,000. This year, 35 members of the Class of 2003 will benefit from these scholarships.

Mr. Speaker, as a former teacher, I applaud the many men and women who have helped Flint Northern High School set the highest standards of scholastic success for 75 years. I ask my colleagues in the 108th Congress to please join me in commending the efforts of Northern's alumni, and wishing their future alumni the best in all their endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO STEVE HORN

HON. JANE HARMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 13, 2003

Ms. HARMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor our former colleague Congressman Stephen Horn and his wife, Nini upon the occasion of tomorrow's dedication of the Steve and Nini Horn Center at California State University Long Beach.

As a member of Congress for 10 years and Chairman of the Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology, Steve distinguished himself in Congress by improving accountability and management practices in the federal government. Each year, the Debt Collection Improvement Act and the Travel Reform and Savings Act of 1996 that Steve authored save the taxpayer millions of dollars.

My association with Steve began in the 103rd Congress, when we co-lead the bipartisan coalition that saved the McDonnell Douglas/Boeing C-17 program, which employs 9,000 workers in our area through 2008. Our efforts led to the Air Force's multi-year purchase of what has proven to be one of the most versatile cargo aircraft in the military's inventory.

A long time resident of Long Beach, Steve Horn has contributed to the community in many other ways; as President of Cal State Long Beach, Chairman of a successful \$6 million United Way Campaign Fund, Vice Chairman of the Long Beach Chamber of Commerce, and as a Founding Member and Secretary of the Long Beach Economic Development Corporation.

I have known Steve and his wife, Nini, to be long-time passionate supporters of the arts. I can recall Steve's strong defense of the National Endowment for the Arts and the National Endowment for the Humanities as co-chair of the bipartisan Congressional Arts Caucus. So it is more than fitting that the Steve and Nini Horn Center should house a museum, and equally appropriate that it should include a vast computer lab, since the Chairman successfully led the effort to prepare government and industry to make the year 2000 computer conversion.

Mr. Speaker, never one to falter in his congressional duties or to toe the party line, Steve Horn served in Congress with courage and independence, and I am proud to have served with him.

IN HONOR OF MYRON
BLUMENFELD, FOUNDER AND
CHAIRMAN OF RESIDENTS FOR A
MORE BEAUTIFUL PORT WASH-
INGTON

HON. GARY L. ACKERMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 13, 2003

Mr. ACKERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 35th Anniversary of Residents for a More Beautiful Port Washington and its Chairman, Myron Blumenfeld, for his strong leadership, dedication and commitment in making Port Washington a more beautiful town.

In 1968, Myron and a group of concerned citizens founded Residents for a More Beautiful Port Washington with the simple plan to plant a tree by a gas station. Soon, the people of Port Washington began to organize daily for environmental action and Myron's organization slowly grew from a handful of members to a prestigious and influential non-profit action group. Today, Residents for a More Beautiful Port Washington boasts more than 2,000 active members who cross political, racial, religious, ethnic and economic divides to preserve and enhance the environment of Port Washington and the surrounding communities.

Among the major projects the group has spearheaded are: protecting drinking water, building waterfront trails, contributing thousands of dollars to the Port Washington Board of Education to fund projects which helps students to learn about our ecosystem, planning the Main Street Park and Town Dock, and of course, planting hundreds of trees throughout Port Washington.

As the founder and chairman of Residents for a More Beautiful Port Washington, Myron Blumenfeld has consistently displayed his lifelong passion and spirit to improve our environment and our quality of life. A graduate of Syracuse University with a Masters Degree in Business from New York University, Myron was vice president of Bloomingdale for 34 years where he routinely answered his phone with "Save Hempstead Harbor." Myron's commitment to the environment was quickly recognized by then Governor Cuomo who appointed Myron as Chairman of the Long Island Parks Commission. As Chairman, Myron initiated the first Long Island Parks environmental education program. Myron also served as Chair of the Sierra Club's Atlantic Chapter and formed the Sierra Club's first Long Island Chapter. In addition, Myron served on the boards of the Environmental Planning Lobby and American Friends of Neot Kedumin. In November of 2002, Myron and the Residents for a More Beautiful Port Washington received the well deserved Environmental Advocates of New York State Award.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to represent such an exceptional individual and commend Myron Blumenfeld for his dedication to preserving and working for the beautification of Port Washington. On May 18, 2003, Residents for a More Beautiful Port Washington will recognize Myron's important contributions at its 35th Annual Gala. I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to please join me in wishing Myron Blumenfeld and the Residents for a More Beautiful Port Washington many more years of success as they celebrate their 35th Anniversary.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE DAL-
LAS JUNIOR TEXANS JUNIOR
VARSITY WHEELCHAIR BASKET-
BALL TEAM

HON. MARTIN FROST

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 13, 2003

Mr. FROST. Mr. Speaker, I want to recognize and applaud the remarkable Dallas Junior Texans Wheelchair Basketball Team of Grand Prairie. This team has shown great strength and determination throughout the past season.

Last year, the Dallas Junior Texans placed 9th overall in the Nation and finished the National Junior Wheelchair Basketball Tournament with a record of 3-1. This was truly an awesome accomplishment for the young players on the Dallas Junior Texans.

The Dallas Junior Texans owe their success to their competitive spirit and remarkable sportsmanship. I applaud their skilled teamwork and hope that next year's season will bring them another national placement in the top ten.

Mr. Speaker, the member of the Dallas Junior Texans Wheelchair Basketball Team know that playing their sport is about so much more than basketball—it's about teamwork, friendships, and determination. I know my colleagues will join me today to honor them for living up to the true spirit of sport.

A TRIBUTE TO RUSSELL J.
CUNNINGHAM

HON. TOM LANTOS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 13, 2003

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the memory of Russell J. Cunningham, a man who devoted his life to serving his community. For four decades, Cunningham represented the San Bruno Police Department with courage and dignity, retiring in 1978 as the city's police chief. He passed away last month at the age of 87. Mr. Speaker, Chief Cunningham will be missed by his colleagues, neighbors, friends, and, most of all, by the thousands of men and women whose safety he protected.

Russell Cunningham's devotion to his city was rooted in his understanding of its people. A native of the Bay Area, he grew up in San Bruno. In 1938, at the age of 23, Cunningham responded to a newspaper ad seeking the San Bruno Police Department's fifth employee. Mr. Speaker, this chance event launched a noteworthy law enforcement career.

Cunningham's forty years in the department were marked by numerous successes. In 1961, his efforts aided the capture the notorious "hat gang," which robbed banks and supermarkets throughout the country wearing topcoats and pork pie hats. The following year, in recognition of this and other achievements, Cunningham was named Chief of Police. He served with distinction until his retirement in 1978.

Chief Cunningham's community involvement extended well beyond his law enforcement career. He was active in the St. Robert's Men's Club, the St. Vincent de Paul Society, Meals on Wheels, Rancho Canada Dons and Players Club, the Carmel Orchid Society, the Optimists Club, Wally Byam Caravan Club, and the Elks Lodge #2091.

The San Bruno City Council recently adopted a resolution naming the main police department conference room after Chief Cunningham. Indeed, no man better embodied the Council's mission statement: "The City of San Bruno exists to provide exemplary services for our community that enhance and protect the quality of life."

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in offering condolences to the family of Chief Cunningham: Rose, his wife of 66 years, as well as his two children, four grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. They grieve the loss of an extraordinary man.

TRIBUTE HONORING 2003 LEGRAND
SMITH SCHOLARSHIP FINALISTS:
GRAIG BROOKS OF TEKONSHA,
MI, MICHELLE MARVIN, OF
COLDWATER, MI, AND SARA
BOWER, OF COLDWATER, MI

HON. NICK SMITH

OF

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 13, 2003

Mr. SMITH of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, It is a sincere pleasure to recognize the finalists of

the 2002 LeGrand Smith Congressional Scholarship Program. This special honor is an appropriate tribute to the academic accomplishment, demonstration of leadership and responsibility, and commitment to social involvement, demonstration of leadership and responsibility, and commitment to social involvement displayed by these remarkable young adults. We all have reason to celebrate their success, for it is in their promising and capable hands that our future rests.

The finalists of the LeGrand Smith Congressional Scholarship Program are being honored for showing that same generosity of spirit, depth of intelligence, and capacity for human service that distinguished the late LeGrand Smith of Somerset, Michigan. They are young men and women of character, ambition, and initiative, who have already learned well the value of hard work, discipline and commitment.

These exceptional students have consistently displayed their dedication, intelligence and concern throughout their high school experience. They stand out among their peers due to their many achievements and the disciplined manner in which they meet challenges. While they have already accomplished a great deal, these young people possess unlimited potential, for they have learned the keys to success in any endeavor.

As a Member of Congress of the United States of America, I am proud to join their many admirers in extending our highest praise and congratulations to the finalists of the 2002 LeGrand Smith Congressional Scholarship program.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING
EDITH K. SHARP

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 13, 2003

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, whereas, Edith K. Sharp was born near Sugarcreek on May 13, 1903; and

Whereas, Edith K. Sharp is celebrating her 100th Birthday today; and

Whereas, Edith K. Sharp must be commended for her years of service in the WW I Veterans Organization and her dedication to family and community; and

Whereas, Edith K. Sharp has exemplified a love of life and service to God as a member of the United Church of Christ in Dover, Ohio;

Therefore, I join with the residents of Dover and the entire 18th Congressional District of Ohio in congratulating Edith K. Sharp as she celebrates her 100th Birthday.

TRIBUTE HONORING KASEE
STRATTON OF PITTSFORD, MI,
2003 LEGRAND SMITH SCHOLAR-
SHIP WINNER

HON. NICK SMITH

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 13, 2003

Mr. SMITH of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, it is with great respect for the outstanding record of excellence she has compiled in academics,

leadership and community service, that I am proud to salute Kasee Stratton, winner of the 2003 LeGrand Smith Scholarship. This award is made to young adults who have demonstrated that they are truly committed to playing important roles in our Nation's future. As a winner of the LeGrand Smith Scholarship, Kasee is being honored for demonstrating that same generosity of spirit, intelligence, responsible citizenship, and capacity for human service that distinguished the late LeGrand Smith of Somerset, Michigan.

Kasee is an exceptional student at Pittsford High School, and possesses an outstanding record of achievement in high school. Kasee has received numerous awards for her excellence in academics, as well as volunteering her time as the Youth Chair on the Hillsdale County Community Foundation's Board of Trustees. Kasee has won the Optimist Club's Community Service Award and the Historical Society Academic Award, among others.

Therefore, I am proud to join with her many admirers in extending my highest praise and congratulations to Kasee Stratton for her selection as winner of a LeGrand Smith Scholarship. This honor is a testament to the parents, teachers, and others whose personal interest, strong support and active participation contributed to her success. To this remarkable young woman, I extend my most heartfelt good wishes for all her future endeavors.

IN MEMORY OF HENRY KARL
REDEKER

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 13, 2003

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, I hereby offer my heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of Henry Karl Redeker upon the death of this outstanding person.

Henry Karl Redeker was born March 31, 1960. His ability to touch lives in the most kind and sincere way will continue to bless his wife Susie, his family, friends, and community.

Mr. Redeker will certainly be remembered by all those who knew him for his love of life and his devotion to all those he loved. The understanding and kindness which he gave to others will stand as a monument to a truly fine person. His life and love gave joy to all who knew him.

I offer this token of profound sympathy to Susie Redeker, along with the family and friends of Henry Karl Redeker.

IN SUPPORT OF AOPA

HON. GARY G. MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 13, 2003

Mr. GARY G. MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the Aircraft Owners & Pilots Association's (AOPA) Airport Support Network to save general aviation public use airports in California and across the entire United States. AOPA is the world's largest civil aviation organization, representing over 395,000 members who own or fly general aviation aircraft—more than half of all pilots in the United States.

Public and privately owned general aviation airports across the nation have fallen victim to mounting pressures for closure and restrictions; California airports are no exception. These community airports play a critical role to provide general aviation access to the San Diego community and the entire national air transportation system.

AOPA has pioneered two critical programs that work to protect and preserve safe and secure access of general aviation pilots to the nation's airspace and airports—the Airport Support Network and the Airport Watch Program.

The AOPA Airport Support Network provides a vehicle for pilots to communicate with AOPA. The program establishes an early warning system to alert AOPA and local communities of any efforts that may threaten airport viability. AOPA's Airport Support Network uses pilots as the "eyes and ears" at every public use airport, to preserve general aviation airports and their role in the national air transportation system.

The Airport Support Network has been very successful in my home state of California. AOPA efforts have produced successful steps toward the preservation of two very important California general aviation airports—Oceanside Municipal and Montgomery Field. The Airport Support Network encourages communication and activity that most recently resulted in the city council of Oceanside supporting an airport master plan that will ensure continued operations at the airport. I am encouraged by these efforts and believe that the Airport Support Network will help ensure that our system of general aviation airports remains protected and viable.

Airport Watch Program, formed out of a partnership between AOPA and TSA, was created to keep these viable airports safe and secure. Pilots and members of the general aviation community are being instructed in what to look for in the manner of suspicious activity at their airports. Educational materials have disseminated throughout the aviation community. Pilots are instructed to either contact local authorities or report suspicious activity to a nationwide toll free hotline—1-866-GA-SECURE.

Airport Watch is a great example of AOPA's efforts to promote security while preserving the freedom of the skies.

Again, I want to commend the AOPA and the over 49,000 members residing in the great state of California. I strongly support keeping general aviation airports open and will continue work with them in their efforts towards this end.

TRIBUTE TO COMMANDER
JEFFREY D. VOLTZ

HON. JOE KNOLLENBERG

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 13, 2003

Mr. KNOLLENBERG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding Naval Officer, Commander Jeff Voltz, who has served with distinction and dedication for almost two years for the Secretary of the Navy, as the Congressional Liaison Officer for Civil Engineering, Appropriations Matters Office under the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Financial

Management and Comptroller). It is a privilege for me to recognize his many outstanding achievements and commend him for the superb service he has provided to the Department of the Navy, the Congress, and our great Nation as a whole.

During his tenure in the Appropriations Matters Office, which began in July of 2001, Commander Voltz has provided members of the House Appropriations Committee, Subcommittee on Military Construction as well as our professional and personal staffs with timely and accurate support regarding Department of Navy plans, programs and budget decisions. His valuable contributions have enabled the Subcommittee on Military Construction and the Department of the Navy to strengthen its close working relationship and to ensure the most modern, well trained and well equipped naval forces attainable for the defense of our great nation.

Mr. Speaker, Jeff Voltz and his wife Teri have made many sacrifices during his career in the Navy. His distinguished service has exemplified honor, courage and commitment. As they depart the Appropriations Matters Office to embark on yet another Navy assignment in the service of a grateful nation, I call upon my colleagues to wish them both every success and the traditional Navy send-off "fair winds and following seas."

JOBS AND GROWTH RECONCILIATION TAX ACT OF 2003

SPEECH OF

HON. TODD TIAHRT

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 9, 2003

Mr. TIAHRT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of the Jobs and Growth Tax Act of 2003 (H.R. 2). I am supporting this jobs and growth package because that is exactly what my district in Kansas needs right now: new jobs and economic growth.

While most of the United States continues to feel the economic after-effects of the September 2001 terrorist attacks, southcentral Kansas is especially struggling to rebound. Wichita is known as the "Air Capital of the World," but with the dramatic drop in demand for new aircraft, many companies have had to ground production work, causing massive layoffs. More than 12,000 aviation workers are out of work in the Wichita area, and several thousand more have been laid off in what has been a trickle-down effect. The local economy is desperate for new growth.

The jobs and growth package the House of Representatives is considering today will provide a real boost to the Kansas job market. According to estimates, the Jobs and Growth Tax Act of 2003 is estimated to bring an average of 5,700 new jobs every year to the State of Kansas, over the next five years. More than 8,000 new Kansas jobs would be created in 2004 alone.

H.R. 2 is a job-friendly package that will benefit people looking for work. By providing businesses the tools they need to grow, we will see new jobs created in southcentral Kansas. One of the stimulus tools I have strongly supported increases the bonus depreciation rate from 30 to 50 percent, which will allow businesses to recover more costs involved in

the expansion of their production capabilities. Companies that have held off purchasing aircraft will now have a strong incentive to buy while the 50 percent bonus depreciation option is available. Companies that purchase new aircraft from Wichita would be allowed to depreciate 66 percent of the aircraft's value the first year. This incentive for companies to buy aircraft now translates to more jobs for Wichita.

Another tool H.R. 2 provides is the increase in the amount a small business can deduct from its taxes when it purchases new capital. This economic growth bill will increase the amount a small business can expense from \$25,000 to \$100,000, and it expands the definition of a small business from \$200,000 of capital purchases to \$400,000.

Another significant element in this jobs and growth package is the reduction of the personal income tax rate on long-term capital gains and dividends. Taxpayers in the lowest two brackets will have their rate on capital gains and dividends lowered to five percent; taxpayers in all other brackets will have their rates lowered to 10 percent for long-term capital gains and dividends.

By lowering these rates, investors will be more willing to invest because they will be taxed less on their profits. Businesses will see their costs decline when they invest in new projects. These new investments will boost our economy and create more jobs.

Businesses will also benefit from the extension of the net operating loss carryback. This provision will allow small businesses more flexibility in choosing when they can carry back net operating losses to a previous tax year. Generally, these businesses will receive a refund of Federal income tax for that year. Again, this is just another way we can free up resources to help spark the economy. If we expect businesses to create more jobs, we need to help them free up cash flows to expand their production capabilities.

H.R. 2 is also pro-family. It increases the child tax credit, expands the lowest 10 percent personal income tax bracket, accelerates marriage penalty relief, accelerates the individual tax rate schedule for millions of American families and small businesses, and saves nearly 10 million taxpayers from having to deal with the alternative minimum tax.

By accelerating the increase in the basic standard deduction amount for married joint tax filers, we will bring parity to that of single tax filers. Those who decide to get married should not be taxed more than they would if they were still single. With the enactment of President Bush's 2001 tax cut, we provided a phase-out of the marriage penalty over several years. H.R. 2 immediately phases it out for the next three years.

Millions of families will benefit from the child tax credit this year as it is increased from \$600 to \$1,000 for the next three years. By accelerating the phase-in of this provision from the 2001 tax cuts, we will be providing families with more cash to help pay for things like school supplies, clothes or summer vacations.

H.R. 2 is good for seniors. An estimated 10 million American senior citizens who receive dividend income will be able to make their golden years more secure by keeping a larger percent of these payments. Seniors who have worked hard all their lives and have invested for the future will see more money staying in their pockets instead of being sent to Washington.

Today I urge my colleagues to join me in sending a positive message to the American people by voting for passage of H.R. 2. This bill will pump an estimated \$200 billion into the economy and create 1.2 million new jobs by the end of 2004. The tax rate cut on both dividend income and capital gains will provide relief for the 50 percent of Americans who are invested in the market, as well as the 70 million Americans who own their homes. This is the kind of economic relief America needs.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MIKE MCINTYRE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 13, 2003

Mr. MCINTYRE. Mr. Speaker, on Thursday, April 3, 2003, I was unavoidably absent for rollcall vote 104, on Sustaining the Ruling of the Chair, as I was visiting the Marines and their families at Camp LeJeune with the President. Had I been present I would have voted "no".

THE EMPLOYEES' PENSION EQUITY ACT OF 2003

HON. DOUG OSE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 13, 2003

Mr. OSE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce The Employees' Pension Equity Act of 2003, a bill that will prevent executives from walking away with "golden parachutes" while employees are left holding the bag.

We've all heard the stories: a company goes under leaving the employees unemployed and without the promised returns on their pension investments while, at the same time, the company's executives walk away with millions of dollars in their pockets.

How does it happen that the "highly compensated individuals," an actual legal term, don't suffer when their decisions leave a business floundering while the footsoldiers of the business are left unemployed and facing financial hardships?

This bill seeks to right that wrong.

The Employees' Pension Equity Act requires that the employee funds be just as sound as executive funds. Employees need to know that their pensions will not be left to "wither on the vine" while executives walk away with big, guaranteed checks in their pockets.

This Act requires the annual comparison of employees' and executives' plans, and an annual additional donation to the employees' fund when they are not in the same fiscal shape as their executives' counterparts.

It's that simple.

The American worker deserves equal treatment and the guarantee that they will be taken care of before their bosses walk off with the company assets.

This bill takes a stand for the American worker and for equality and justice for all.

TRIBUTE TO THE SALFORD HILLS
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

HON. JOSEPH M. HOFFEL

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 13, 2003

Mr. HOFFEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Salford Hills Elementary School of Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, which is celebrating its 50th anniversary on May 20, 2003.

Since it was created out of five one-room schoolhouses in 1953, Salford Hills Elementary School has been constantly growing. Its teachers and staff have done a remarkable job of molding students into outstanding citizens in the community. In 1993, the school was named as a National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence by the United States Department of Education, the highest honor that a school can receive.

Salford Hills Elementary School provides an excellent educational environment in which students are encouraged to achieve and develop responsibility for their own educations through hard work and reflection. Salford Hills Elementary prides itself on ensuring that all students receive the positive support and attention that they need to learn and achieve.

I commend Salford Hills Elementary School on its 50 years of service to its students and to the greater Montgomery County community.

JOBS AND GROWTH
RECONCILIATION TAX ACT OF 2003

SPEECH OF

HON. JOHN F. TIERNEY

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 9, 2003

Mr. TIERNEY. Mr. Speaker, for the past 2½ years the Bush administration, with help from a Republican majority in Congress, has pursued a policy of shifting this country's tax burden from corporate giants and their super-wealthy friends onto average Americans. Each tax cut proposed had a minimum of relief for families that masked huge breaks for the favored few.

The results of earlier such cuts are in: 2,200,000 jobs lost and a downward spiraling economy. This administration has had the worst private-sector job growth performance of the 14 administrations since World War II. Besides the current occupant, no White House except that of the second Eisenhower term lost jobs.

Now as concern for the economy rises, the President has again proposed huge cuts for a narrow few, with small cuts for families sprinkled in for "cover." Given the past failure of this approach, and the seemingly endless bleeding of jobs from our economy, the Bush tax cut plan has been re-titled the "Jobs and Economic Growth" Plan. Let's pray it doesn't repeat the damage done by the last initiative.

By mentioning the word jobs with every breath and having the media breathlessly repeat such pronouncements, the President believes people will think the problem is being addressed. He claims his plan will create 1.4 million jobs. Unfortunately for him, and us, Alan Greenspan of the Fed disagrees, as

does the former Presidential Economic Advisory Council member and now Director of the Congressional Budget Office. Neither would or could tout this *de ja vu*, his father called it *voo doo*, economic policy.

There is a better way to respond to the obvious needs of America's families; a previously tried and successful path that would address the painful situations too many are now experiencing. The President and Congress can provide help, and do so without raising taxes.

We must, however, forego those tax cuts that the President is trying to direct almost exclusively to the already extremely well-off, i.e., the reduction of taxes on Corporate dividends. It's not too much to ask. At every other juncture when this nation has met simultaneous foreign and domestic challenges, we have asked for, and received, shared sacrifices. This circumstance calls for the same response.

With common sense, fairness and decency as our guide, we can implement a plan far less costly than the President's that actually will create over a million jobs this year alone, and grow the economy. Taking this course will not saddle our children with hundreds of billion or trillions of dollars in debt, as would the President's plan.

We should forego the President's special tax favors, and instead:

Provide a decent extension of unemployment insurance benefits for those still out of work and those expected to lose their jobs in the coming months.

Provide states with funds to avoid their cuts in local aid that are resulting in teacher, fire and police lay offs and losses of other critical services. Also, by providing assistance with a larger federal share of Medicaid to stop plans to end coverage for thousands.

Fulfill the federal government's promises to states and local governments to fund homeland security, road and bridge repair and construction, disability education and 'No Child Left Behind' mandates, and with one-time assistance to help those hurt most by unemployment and a stagnant economy.

Focus any tax relief on families that work—not just those benefiting from "coupon clipping"—and toward small business incentives for new investments and jobs actually created in 2003.

Finally, as the World Trade Organization forces the United States to end its tax subsidies to Corporations that manufacture overseas, we should defeat the Republican effort to repackage that same idea and stop policies that move jobs off-shore.

Stopping the economic slide and easing workers' and small business' pain in this economy is entirely possible if we do the sensible, fair things.

It is ironic that those looking to give money primarily to the very well-off expect to spend billions building Iraqi schools and roads, providing health care for Iraqi citizens, and rebuilding that country, but somehow lack the will and common sense to build America and help its struggling families. We are morally obligated to assist in Iraq, where so much devastation was caused. Still, I believe we are morally bound—and guided by fair play and common sense—to do the right thing for our citizens and economy as well.

It is my hope that the Senate will refocus attention on the needs of the American people and craft a Jobs and Growth Act worthy of its name.

MINOR USE AND MINOR SPECIES
ANIMAL HEALTH ACT OF 2003
(MUMS)

HON. CHARLES W. "CHIP" PICKERING

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 13, 2003

Mr. PICKERING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in order to bring attention to a problem faced by livestock and food animal producers, animal and pet owners, zoo and wildlife biologists, and the animals themselves, which unfortunately goes largely unnoticed except by those who are directly affected.

There currently exists a severe shortage of approved animal drugs for use in minor animal species. These minor animal species include animals other than cattle, horses, chickens, turkeys, dogs, and cats. In addition, there also exists a similar shortage of drugs and medicines for major animal species for diseases that occur infrequently or which occur in limited geographic areas. Due to the lack of availability of these minor use drugs, millions of animals go either untreated or treatment is delayed. This results not only in unnecessary animal physical and human emotional suffering but may threaten human health as well.

Without access to these necessary pharmaceutical tools, farmers and ranchers also suffer. A diseased animal left untreated can quickly spread disease throughout an entire herd of its fellow species. The result is economic hardship to farmers and ranchers who are already struggling to make their operations' cash flow. For example, the sheep industry lost nearly \$42 million worth of livestock alone in 2002. The industry estimates that if it had access to effective drugs to treat disease, production costs for their animals would be cut by 15 percent. In addition, feedlot deaths would be cut by up to 2 percent. Perhaps that seems like an insignificant loss, but it translates into \$8 million in revenue to the industry.

The catfish industry is by far the largest livestock industry in my home state of Mississippi. It provides jobs for ten of thousands of Mississippians and is a key component of my state's economy. The industry attributes \$60 million per year in losses to diseases for which drugs are not available. Of the entire food and ornamental fish industry, only 6 drugs are approved and available for treating the hundreds of aquaculture diseases which affect it. The losses associated with the lack of necessary pharmaceutical tools can be crippling to anyone involved in the industry.

Because of limited market opportunities, low returns, and enormous capital investment required, it is generally not economically feasible for drug manufacturers to pursue research and development, and then approval, for drugs used in treating minor species and infrequent conditions and diseases. Mr. Speaker, with a number of our colleagues from both sides of the aisle who recognize the urgency of this matter, Mr. JOHN and I are today introducing legislation to help mitigate the shortage of minor species drugs. The Minor Use and Minor Species Animal Health Act of 2003 will provide manufacturers the opportunity to develop and approve minor use drugs which are vitally needed by a plethora of animal industries.

Our legislation incorporates the major proposals of the Food and Drug Administration's

(FDA) Center for Veterinary Medicine to increase the availability of drugs for minor animal species and rare diseases in all animals. The Animal Drug Availability Act of 1996 required the FDA to provide Congress with a report, describing administrative and legislative proposals to improve and enhance the animal drug approval process for minor uses and minor species of new animal drugs. This report by FDA, delivered to Congress in December 1998, laid out nine proposals. Eight of FDA's proposals required statutory changes. The bill my colleagues and I are introducing today reflects the changes called for in FDA's minor species/minor use report while maintaining and ensuring public health.

The MUMS legislation outlines two new ways to lawfully market new animal drugs:

(1) It establishes a conditional approval mechanism for new animal drugs for minor uses and minor species. Conditionally approved new animal drugs must meet the same safety requirements as new animal drugs approved under Section 512 in that a 'reasonable expectation of effectiveness' as opposed to 'substantial evidence of effectiveness' must be demonstrated. If conditional approval is granted by the Food and Drug Administration, the approval will be effective for one year and renewable for a maximum of four additional years. This process will allow drug sponsors to recapture some development costs through marketing the product prior to full, unconditional approval.

(2) MUMS establishes an index of legally marketed unapproved new animal drugs for non-food minor species. The index will provide a mechanism to lawfully market minor species drugs for which there is unlikely to be sufficient financial incentives to seek full or conditional approvals. If the FDA determines that a new drug is eligible for an index listing, it will be included in the index if benefits outweigh perceived risks. Additionally, the harm caused by the absence of an approved or conditionally approved drug will be taken into account when making this determination. An independent expert panel will be largely responsible for determining whether or not the drug may be allowed to be included in the index.

None of the provisions outlined in the Minor Use and Minor Species Animal Health Act will weaken the FDA's responsibilities of ensuring the safety of animal drugs to the public. The FDA Center for Veterinary Medicine currently evaluates new animal drug products prior to approval and use. The rigorous review and testing process provides consumers with the confidence that animal drugs are safe for animals and consumers of products derived from those animals. Currently, FDA guidelines include requirements to prevent harmful residues and evaluations to examine the potential for the selection of resistant pathogens. Any animal drug considered for approval under this legislation will be subject to the same requirements.

The Minor Use and Minor Species Animal Health Act is supported by the Food and Drug Administration, the American Farm Bureau Federation, the Animal Health Institute, the American Veterinary Medical Association, and virtually every organization representing all genres of minor animal species. Mr. Speaker, this is vital legislation which is needed now. This Act will alleviate much animal suffering, it will promote the health of minor animal spe-

cies while protecting and promoting human health, it will benefit pets and promote the emotional security of their owners, benefit various endangered species of aquatic animals, and will reduce economic risks and hardships to farmers and ranchers.

This is common-sense legislation which will benefit millions of Americans from farmers and ranchers to pet owners and wildlife biologists, in addition to the animals themselves. I call on all my colleagues in the House to support the Minor Use and Minor Species Animal Health Act of 2003.

TRIBUTE TO DAVID J. ROBERTS
ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AS MARQUETTE
COUNTY CLERK

HON. BART STUPAK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 13, 2003

Mr. STUPAK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the work and achievements of David Roberts, who since 1986 has served the people of Marquette County, Michigan, as Marquette County Clerk.

Dave Roberts is taking a well-earned retirement from public service after more than seventeen years of conscientious and devoted work for the people of Marquette County.

Those of us in government office know that public officials at the local level are on the true front lines of government service. Even if the County Clerk is not the person who created a law, engineered a road fix or streamlined a County budget, he or she is the face that most members of the public know and turn to when they have questions, complaints or, less often, compliments. The County Clerk is also the person that other elected officials look to for answers about County government issues.

Dave Roberts, as County Clerk has the lives of County residents in his keeping, in the form of public records such as birth, marriage, death and real estate filings. He acts as clerk of the County Board and, in Marquette County, as clerk of the circuit court.

Dave held this hot seat in Marquette County government with great dedication, composure and his ever present sense of humor. He filled his Clerk's responsibilities in a highly capable fashion, always keeping at the forefront his concern for others. Dave's way of dealing with people, whether they came to the Clerk's office on the warpath, or with a simple question, will be a great example and legacy for his successor. He leaves big shoes to fill.

Dave Roberts is a native of the Marquette area and graduated in 1965 from Negaunee high school. He earned his bachelor's degree from Northern Michigan University in 1974 and then worked toward a master's degree in creative writing. He also worked for Cleveland-Cliffs, Inc. for twelve years before being appointed County Clerk in 1985 following the retirement of previous clerk Henry A. Skewis.

Dave served as president of the Michigan Association of County Clerks in 1995 and 1996. He was active in that association during his years as Marquette County Clerk, and in 2000 received the well-deserved honor of being named Michigan County Clerk of the Year by his fellow association members.

Congratulations also are due to Dave's wife Patricia and their four children, Sheri, Debi,

Andrew and Jessica, who have supported Dave in his work and at home over the years. Pat herself is a big part of the community and has been a corrections officer at the Marquette Branch Prison for 18 years.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating Dave Roberts on his accomplishments and service as Marquette County Clerk, and to join me in wishing him great success in his writing, his travel, and even in improving his golf game—three things that he said he intends to spend some time on in retirement.

I hope that Marquette County has not seen the last of his contributions to civic life as well.

TO HONOR MAYOR GEORGE VAN
DUSEN ON HIS 60TH BIRTHDAY

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 13, 2003

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my friend and colleague, the Mayor of Skokie, Illinois, George Van Dusen on his 60th birthday. Mayor Van Dusen has faithfully served the people of the Village of Skokie since 1984, first in the role of Trustee, and since 1999 as Mayor. Over the last several years, I have had the distinct pleasure of working with him on behalf of the people of Skokie.

During his tenure as Mayor, Skokie has been recognized for excellence in education and public services. Skokie's Niles North High School was recently cited as one of the country's best high schools by both Newsweek and U.S. News & World Report magazine. In 2002, the Village was awarded the Governor's Hometown Award for municipal excellence and received an "All American City" finalist distinction from the National Civic League. Skokie is the first town in the United States to have nationally accredited Fire, Police and Public Works Departments.

I am proud of Mayor Van Dusen and the Village of Skokie for all of their impressive accomplishments. I know there will be more achievements and milestones for the Village of Skokie to celebrate in the time to come. I look forward to joining Mayor Van Dusen to mark those meaningful dates as well.

HELP SHED LIGHT ON
INTERNATIONAL WIRE TRANSFERS

HON. LUIS V. GUTIERREZ

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 13, 2003

Mr. GUTIERREZ. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing the "International Money Transfer Disclosure Act of 2003," a bill to require disclosures involving international money wire transactions.

Immigrants throughout the United States work hard, save money and send billions of dollars to relatives living in foreign countries. The money sent home helps finance basic needs ranging from food and medicine to education and new homes. Unfortunately, customers wiring money abroad are often losing millions of dollars to undisclosed "currency

conversion fees" charged by giant firms, such as Western Union and MoneyGram.

Wire transfer companies aggressively target audiences in immigrant communities with ads promising low rates for international transfers. However, such promises are grossly misleading particularly for those with ties to Mexico or other Latin American countries, since companies do not always clearly disclose extra fees charged for converting dollars into Mexican pesos. While large wire service companies typically obtain pesos at bulk bargain rates, they charge a significant currency conversion fee to their U.S. customers. The exchange rate charged to customers sending U.S. dollars to Mexico routinely varies from the benchmark rates by as much as 15 percent. The profits from these hidden currency conversion fees are staggering, allowing companies to reap millions of dollars more than they make from service fees.

To address these problems, the International Money Transfer Disclosure Act of 2003 requires that any financial institution or money transmitting business which initiates an international money transfer on behalf of a consumer, whether or not the consumer maintains an account at such institution or business, shall provide full disclosure of all fees involved in all money-wiring transactions, including the exact amount of foreign currency received by the recipient of the transfer.

Consumers will also be provided a final itemization of all costs dealing with the remittance at the time of the transaction. The disclosures will be provided to the consumer in both English and the language used by the financial institution to advertise, solicit, or negotiate the money transfer.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this sensible pro-consumer legislation.

JOBS AND GROWTH RECONCILIATION TAX ACT OF 2003

SPEECH OF

HON. BOB ETHERIDGE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 13, 2003

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong opposition to the Republican bill that will increase our national debt by hundreds of billions of dollars but will produce no stimulus for our economy.

In my state of North Carolina, people are hurting. As a result of this Administration's tax policies, more than 128,900 workers have lost their jobs in the past two years. We desperately need a fiscally responsible plan to jump-start our economy, pay down the debt, invest in our people and produce economic growth for long-term prosperity. Unfortunately, this Republican bill will blow a hole in the federal budget, drive up interest rates, eliminate millions of jobs and leave our children and grandchildren with a massive national debt to pay off.

It's really very simple. The first step to get out of a hole is to quit digging. The national debt today is \$6.4 Trillion. This bill would con-

tinue to add to that national debt as far as the eye can see. We can do better.

I join my Democratic colleagues in support of the "Rebuilding America Through Jobs Act." This fiscally responsible bill will provide real help to those who have lost their jobs, help families weather this economic storm and jump-start the economy to create new jobs and generate greater prosperity for all Americans.

Specifically, the Democratic bill will continue and expand extended unemployment benefits (that expire on May 31) for nine months, providing 26 weeks of federal benefits for dislocated workers. It expands the work opportunity tax credit to give up to \$2400 credit to employers for hiring long-term unemployed workers. It increases the child tax credit to \$800 in 2003 and expands the number of families receiving the child credit. It accelerates marriage penalty relief and the widening of the 10 percent tax-rate bracket to allow more taxpayers to pay at the lowest rate.

The Democratic bill provides \$18 billion in assistance to the states for Medicaid and provides \$26 billion for homeland security, transportation infrastructure and education. It expands to \$75,000 for two years the amount of new investments small businesses can deduct from their taxes, allows all firms an accelerated bonus depreciation of 50 percent for 12 months and reduces the corporate tax rate by 3.5 percentage points. And the Democratic bill maintains fiscal responsibility by suspending future tax cuts for the richest people in this country.

In conclusion Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to defeat the debt-laden Republican bill and pass a real economic stimulus package for the American people.

ALLOW TAIWAN A SEAT AT THE GLOBAL HEALTH TABLE

HON. SHERROD BROWN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 13, 2003

Mr. BROWN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, Taiwan—along with nations across the globe—has been struck by Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS). On April 26, the first Taiwanese citizen died from the virus. SARS has resulted in hundreds of deaths worldwide and hospitalized thousands. WHO measures have been critical to containing the spread of SARS, and to providing nations with accurate and timely information to better combat this world health threat.

Despite the dangers SARS poses to 23 million Taiwanese citizens, the WHO delayed Taiwan's effort to contain the spread of SARS, placing the health of the entire nation in jeopardy. This crisis highlights the urgency surrounding Taiwan's obtaining observer status in the WHO at the World Health Assembly in Geneva, Switzerland beginning next week.

I urge my colleagues to read the following op-ed by President Chen Shui-bian that recently appeared in the Washington Post.

[From the Washington Post, May 9, 2003]

HELP TAIWAN FIGHT SARS

(By Chen Shui-bian)

The outbreak and spread of severe acute respiratory syndrome, or SARS, has brought illness, death and economic peril to Asia and the rest of the world. It has also drawn attention to Taiwan's exclusion from the World Health Organization. If there was ever a time for my country to be allowed to join the WHO, it is now.

As Taiwan's democratically elected president, my first and foremost obligation is to the people of Taiwan. When SARS first appeared in Taiwan in March, our health system responded quickly and effectively. As a result, Taiwan initially achieved a record of zero mortality, zero community transmission and zero transmission abroad of SARS. But despite our efforts, another outbreak occurred in late April. We have taken strict measures in response, and are working day and night to contain the disease.

Throughout this health crisis, my government has acted in the best interest of our people and of foreign nationals living in and visiting Taiwan. At no time has my administration suppressed information about the disease. Our press has reported freely on SARS. More important, our officials know that they are accountable to the people, both morally and at the ballot box. Whatever problems arise for Taiwan, we will solve them according to the highest standards of medicine, government accountability and human compassion.

I also have an obligation to the world. Taiwan is a nation of 23 million people and a major trading partner for many countries. What happens in Taiwan affects many millions more around the world. For that reason, Taiwan immediately offered to work with the WHO in combating SARS. Unfortunately, we were rebuffed. However, in response to the most recent rise in the number of cases, and for the first time in decades, two experts from the WHO arrived in Taiwan last week. I welcome this assistance and have directed my government and called on my people to cooperate fully with them.

The WHO's decision to send these experts to Taiwan has great significance. It demonstrates that Taiwan is indispensable to international public health. But it also suggests that cooperation between the WHO and Taiwan should not be left to ad hoc arrangements.

Despite my country's advanced health system, staffed by doctors and nurses educated in highly respected institutions at home and abroad, and despite a strong desire to participate in the WHO, Taiwan is denied membership or even observer status in the organization. As a consequence, our epidemiologists are still unable to gain prompt access to information, such as samples of the virus, that could help our scientists learn about the disease and treat patients. Nevertheless, we have tried to provide information to international organizations to ensure that Taiwan can make the maximum contribution to solving this health problem.

The effort to understand and control SARS continues. Viral experts seek answers to important questions. Doctors and health professionals on the front line of the battle against SARS need as much information as possible to be able to deal with the disease. Moreover, like the WHO, international health officials need as much data as

possible about SARS and the way it behaves in different environments and among different populations.

Taiwan, with a population larger than those of three-quarters of the countries of the world, is a piece of a global puzzle that experts need to understand to cope with the

virus. Taiwan has long wanted not only to benefit from the WHO's expertise but also to share the responsibility that all countries have to global public health. Many health care professionals around the world have expressed their support for Taiwan's admission to the WHO as an observer. We are grateful.

We hope that at the WHO meeting on May 19, this important organization will invite Taiwan to be an observer. Taiwan's people should not be excluded from efforts to defeat SARS. Nor should the rest of the world be denied the important contribution Taiwan can and wants to make to global health.